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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Gunther Hoffman

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For: DEVICE FOR PRODUCING TUBES PROVIDED  
WITH CROSS RIBS

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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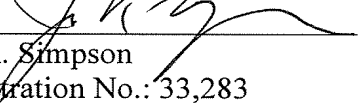
Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive a First Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P03178US0 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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